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1. The attached "Handbook of Communist Parties" provides basic organizational and personnel data on Communist Parties throughout the world. It is divided into four separately assembled sections:

A. Western Hemisphere
B. Europe
C. Middle East and Africa
D. Far East

The primary need for a handbook of this kind results from the numerous and complex international connections maintained among all Parties, with the result that [redacted] must frequently concern themselves with Communist personalities and organizations outside their own area. 25X1X4

2. The handbook is necessarily incomplete and subject to constant change. Desks and [redacted] will therefore find it necessary to check, correct and amend the data concerning the Communist Parties falling within their area of responsibility. 25X1A6a

3. This handbook is not to be disseminated outside this agency.

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